

### Between The Lions



by Tom Morgan  
SPORTS EDITOR

#### From the Mail Bag

In a recent issue of the Daily Collegian we bewailed the fact that Penn and Penn State do not meet annually on the football gridiron, and that there is no immediate game in sight between the two.

Following is a letter on the subject, received from a Penn student:

"Dear Tom: I should like to make a comment or two on your column in which you deplored the fact that Penn and Penn State do not have an annual gridiron rivalry.

"There seems to be some question in your mind as to what Penn's football policy is. Actually, it is not an inscrutable mystery as you make it out to be.

"Penn, as an Ivy League school, maintains athletic relationships with other Ivy League schools. These ancient rivalries, encrusted in Ivy League tradition, are of long standing, and many of them have become traditional with the school. So it is natural that Ivy League teams should be prominent on Penn's football slate each year.

"In addition, Penn traditionally plays each of the two service academies. In fact, Navy Weekend, one of the most important on our social calendar, is built around the Penn-Navy game. These teams, plus one or two inter-regional or inter-sectional teams, comprise Penn's gridiron schedule each year.

"Many of us here at Penn would like to see more frequent encounters with Penn State, and we hope that such will be possible in the near future. However, I do not know what you mean by your statement that 'Penn puts a deep cleat wound in any suggestions on our football scheduling,' unless it means that we have refused to sever older, traditional connections.

Sincerely,  
Cyril Canterman,  
U. of Penn Dorms,  
Philadelphia 4, Pa."

Space does not permit us to reply fully here to Mr. Canterman's letter. We shall do so tomorrow.

#### From the Morgue

Harold "Dutch" Elicker, a top Lion wingback prospect early last fall till a knee injury felled him, is now in the army at Fort Knox, Ky. . . . As a freshman at California State Teachers College, "Dutch" made the first eleven on an undefeated squad and, as such, was a prime blocker for a plunging fullback named Rogel.

## Benglian, Smith, Bolger Vie In NCAA Boxing Tourney

Three Penn State boxers—John Benglian, Paul Smith and Jack Bolger—and their coach, Leo Houck, will take Horace Greeley's advice and "Go West," to compete in the National Collegiate Boxing tournament at Michigan State, tomorrow through Saturday.

The trio of sluggers, who consistently turned in winning performances for the Lion mitt aggregation, entrained at Altoona last night for the trek to East Lansing.

Of the three ringmen, Lion captain Johnny Benglian is the only one with previous NCAA tourney experience. Last year the south-paw boxer advanced into the semi-final round of competition at the tournament at Wisconsin.

#### JOHN BENGLIAN

Benglian, an Eastern Intercollegiate titlist at 127 pounds in 1946, is given a good chance by Houck, to cop a National crown for the Lions. A three-year ring veteran, Benglian graduates this June.

Smith, State 165-pounder, and Bolger, 175-pound contestant, will taste their first competition against National collegiate stand-outs. This duo of sluggers were consistent point-getters for Coach Houck all season.

The strongest field since pre-war years is expected to be entered in the 12th annual NCAA boxing tourney. No less than five defending champions and a 1947-titlist are to be on hand.

#### TITLE THREATS

Team title threats will come from every part of the country. Rating title chances are San Jose College, the Pacific Coast stand-out; Syracuse, newly crowned Eastern champ; Louisiana State, the class of the deep South; Wisconsin, last year's champ, and Michigan State, last year's runner-up, from the Mid-west; Maryland, Virginia and Penn State from the Eastern seaboard.

#### RETURNING CHAMPS

Individual champions due back again are Ernie Charboneau, Michigan State 112-pound king, who this year will go at 125-pounds; Steve Gremban, Wisconsin 119-pound champ, who'll also go at 125-pounds.

Chuck Davey, Michigan State's three-time champ, who will be in the 145 weight division; Don Dickinson, Wisconsin's 147-pound titlist, who will also be active at 145 pounds this year, and Herb

Carlson, Idaho's 160-pound winner.

A field of approximately 75 hand-picked contestants, eight to ten in each weight class, was certified for NCAA competition on the basis of their winning records this season.

## Bedenk Eyes Diamond Opener, Grooms Miller for Slab Job

Cy Miller, elongated right-hander, looms as Coach Joe Bedenk's first-ranking hurler as the Penn State diamondmen prepare for the baseball curtain-raiser with Temple next Wednesday. Miller, one of the five returning lettermen, owned a 4-and-1 record last season.

Other potential starting twirlers are Al Tkac, Jim Masticola, Bill Bair and Warren "Lefty" Travers. Tkac, regular right fielder in 1948, Masticola and Bair are all right-handers, while Travers lives up to his nickname by flinging from the port side.

Coach Bedenk will probably carry three catchers on the traveling squad this season. Clarence Buss, Dick Ford and Jack Kurty head the catching candidates, but the number-one backstop spot is still a question mark.

Bill Hill, Bill Benyish, Joe Kellington, Jim Townsend, Bill Brown and Arnie Jurin rank closely behind the first five pitchers.

Following the Temple encounter, the Bedenkmen challenge Swarthmore and Pennsylvania on successive days. All three contests are on visiting fields.

#### Pitchin' Star

Chuck Medlar, athletic trainer for the College, pitched a 2-hit, 10-2 win over Western Maryland in 1939. Medlar was a sophomore at the time.

#### By Any Other Name

The North American Indians call lacrosse, TEIONSTIKWA-HEKTAWA.

#### IM Entries

Teams and players entered in handball doubles and badminton singles should report to the Intramural office immediately if they have not yet received their schedules for the sports.

The schedules were mailed out yesterday, reported Gene Bischoff, IM director, and should be in the hands of team managers already.

Badminton competition begins at 7 p.m. tonight with handball joining that activity in the spotlight tomorrow at the same time.

## 2 Vets Bolster Lion Golfers

Long-driving Joe Boyle, of Aliquippa, and Tom Smith, of Jeannette, represent Penn State's main hopes for the 1949 golf campaign.

Boyle and Smith are the only regulars left from the 1948 team which went through its schedule unbeaten, then on to its first Eastern title in the championships at Atlantic City.

The Nittany Lions, playing their 28th season under the direction of 68-year-old Bob Rutherford, Sr., open the new campaign in two matches against Georgetown April 22 and 23.

The defending champions will play host to Cornell, Pitt and Army in the Eastern regional play-offs May 6 and 7.

#### Good Guess

In 1939, Bob Wilson, Daily Collegian sports editor, wrote, "Penn State CAN beat Cornell" 46 times and "Penn State MUST beat Cornell" once. Cornell beat Penn State that year 47-0!!

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**Jeffrey Speaks**  
Penn State Soccer Coach Bill Jeffrey addressed the tenth annual coaches' spring conference of the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association in New York over the weekend.  
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